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Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 129 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/54/504.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 59th, 60th and 74th meetings, on 8 May and 2 June 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.59, 60 and 74).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General concerning the financial performance of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 (A/54/809);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General containing the revised liquidation budget of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 (A/54/812);

(c) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/831 and A/54/841);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the $6.9 million procurement of quartering area goods in the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (A/54/548).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.59

4. At the 74th meeting, on 2 June, the representative of Norway and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola" (A/C.5/54/L.59), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.59 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the $6.9 million procurement of quartering area goods in the United Nations Angola Verification Mission,[3]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, by which the Council decided to entrust a new mandate to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (thenceforth called United Nations Angola Verification Mission II), 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995, by which the Council authorized the establishment of a peacekeeping operation (thenceforth called United Nations Angola Verification Mission III), 1118 (1997) of 30 June 1997, by which the Council decided to establish, as from 1 July 1997, the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola, and its subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution 1229 (1999) of 26 February 1999,

Recalling its resolution 43/231 of 16 February 1989 on the financing of the Verification Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, and resolution 53/228 of 8 June 1999 on the financing of the Observer Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

[1] A/54/809 and A/54/812.
[2] A/54/831 and A/54/841.
[3] A/54/548.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola as at 30 April 2000, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 90.6 million United States dollars, representing 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 40 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

[4] A/54/831.

9. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the $6.9 million procurement of quartering area goods in the United Nations Angola Verification Mission;[3]

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the liquidation of the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola the amount of 7,607,900 dollars gross (7,222,700 dollars net) for the liquidation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, in addition to the amount of 7,441,540 dollars gross (7,083,840 dollars net) already appropriated under the terms of General Assembly resolution 53/228 and inclusive of the amount of 5,274,800 dollars gross (4,875,100 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

12. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into account the amount of 7,441,540 dollars gross (7,083,840 dollars net) already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 53/228, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 7,607,900 dollars gross (7,222,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, 50/451 B of 23 December 1995 and 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2000, as set out in its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 54/237 A of 23 December 1999;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 A (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 385,200 dollars approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

14. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 151,916 dollars gross (137,671 dollars net) for the liquidation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001, inclusive of the amount of 7,278 dollars gross (6,159 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 1,138 dollars gross (1,012 dollars net) for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and that no action shall be taken on the apportionment of the said amounts at this stage;

15. *Takes note* of the unencumbered balance of 149,500 dollars gross and of the additional requirements of 787,600 dollars net in respect of the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, and decides to defer action thereon until its review of the final performance information on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present a more detailed explanation of the amounts required for reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment, including the impact of the retroactive application of the new procedures for contingent-owned equipment for the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola, to be provided no later than its resumed fifty-fifth session;

17. *Decides* to keep under review the amounts budgeted for provision for reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola".